July 31, 1969

Mr. James J. Rowley, Director
United States Secret Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rowley,

Admiral Burkley obtained from Robert I. Bouck those documents supplied your agency by the Naval Hospital and executed a receipt in the Warren Commission records.

Of these I have asked the National Archives for the November 26 letter from the Commanding Officer "concerning law and confidential nature of the events"; the November 22 receipts for the drapes, sheet and shroud; the receipt for the film, including X-rays; a copy of the death certificate; and the post-mortem authorization.

In response I was given a copy of the authorization that is illegible to the point of incompleteness and an apology saying it is the best copy they have and the statement none of the remainder are in the Warren Commission records.

On the face of it, this is not consistent with assurances you have given me in writing. I ask for whatever explanation you would care to make, if any, and for copies of these documents. I include the post-mortem authorization, for I want one that is completely legible.

I believe, under existing law and regulations, I am properly entitled to have this material and to get it from your agency. If there is a charge, let me know and I will remit promptly. I will, in fact, appear in person to pay for and receive the documents.

Should you refuse, I again ask for the information and forms required for invocation of the so-called "Freedom of Information Act".

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg